



Date: September 1, 2006
To: NJ State NAHU Board
From: Legislative Management Team
Subject: September 2006 Legislative Report

There hasn't been a lot of activity since the August 2006 report.

- We have a new Legislative contact with the NAHU just for Regions 1 and 2. His name is Adam Brackemyre, his phone number is 703-276-3808, and his email is abrackemyre@nahu.org Adam has been in contact with your state Legislative Team. This is just another sign of the tremendous commitment that the National NAHU has toward helping us manage our states issues!
- Governor Corzine is expected to unveil his comprehensive plan to address the number of uninsured in the state in September.
- Corzine has signed S 539/ A-932 to require employers to disclose the number of workers enrolled in NJ Family Care, the subsidized insurance program intended for certain low-income families, if the number of employees enrolled in Familycare is greater than 50.
- Assemblyman Cohen introduced bill A-3431 that will lower the premium that Dependents to Age 30 pay to 45% of the employee rate. We are actively pursuing a meeting with Assemblyman Cohen to address this legislation.
- Doug Lubenow, NJAHU's State Legislative Chair, had a meeting on August 21 with Assemblyman Lou Greenwald who has been asked by the Assembly leadership to look into health insurance issues. The meeting centered on the details of the Massachusetts connector legislation and the benefits of creating a high-risk pool in the state.
- We wanted to send early reminders believe it or not Capitol Conference 2007 is taking place VERY, VERY early in 2007. The exact date is Monday, January 29th through Wednesday January 31st. This year's conference will be held at a new venue, the JW Marriott.
- Please help us out and volunteer to "Adopt A Legislator". Uncle Doug needs YOU!
- Please remember to make your annual contribution to both the State HIAPAC and The National HUPAC. You sell insurance now it's time you paid for "career insurance".

Legislative Update – Federal

[H.R. 4157](#) the House passed the "Health Information Technology Promotion Act" on July 27, 2006.

This bill, among other things, would protect people's privacy while making electronic exchange of medical information possible. It also calls for the HHS Secretary to establish a new diagnosis coding system to replace the current 30 year old system.

The bill passed the house by a vote of 270 to 148. It was a largely partisan vote with our New Jersey delegation voting down party lines. The Republicans voted for the measure with Democrats voting against.

The bill now goes to the Senate to be placed on the legislative calendar.

[S 2382](#) "Small Employers Health Benefits Program Act of 2006" was introduced in the US Senate on March 7, 2006.

This bill calls for the Office of Personnel Management to administer a separate health care program for non-federal employees who are either self-employed or employees of a small business with less than a 100 employees.

The bill will allow the office to contract with health insurance carriers who would offer a wide range of plans including those plans currently being offered to federal employees.

Senator Durbin (D) of Illinois introduced this bill. Two of the 28 co-sponsors happen to be Senators Lautenberg and Menendez of New Jersey. The bill has gone to the Senate Finance Committee.

[H.R. 4 "Pension Protection Act"](#)

This bill was passed in the House on July 28th, 2006. Noticeably absent from this bill was a provision to rollover unused Flexible Spending Account (FSA) money to the next calendar year.

We are currently 91 bills for the association.

Health Underwriters (2006-2007)

Bill: **A151 Aca (1R)**
Sponsors: Vandervalk (R39); Cohen (D20); Quigley (D32); Gordon (D38) +1
Summary: Revises health wellness insurance benefits.
Related: 2006:S1055; 2004:A296; 2004:S1300; 2002:A2412; 2002:S1746
Status: 06/19/2006 – 2nd reading in the Assembly
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
03/21/2006 – Transferred to Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee.
06/19/2006 – Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.
Position: Monitor
Notes: 3-17-04 Oppose per Jack Kalosy on the grounds that it increases benefits and removes the maximum
9-9-04 Legislative Committee has made this a priority, position paper to be drafted.
6-19-06 Change position to Monitor per Doug Lubenow pending further review.

Bill: **A153**
Sponsors: Vandervalk (R39)
Summary: Permits continued NJ FamilyCare eligibility for parent whose child turns 19 under certain circumstances
Related: 2004:A302; 2004:S425; 2002:A3097; 2002:S2104
Status: 01/10/2006 – Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee.
Position: Monitor

Bill: **A162**
Sponsors: Vandervalk (R39); Gordon (D38) +1
Summary: Establishes Health Care Professional Regulation Study Commission and requires certain State professional
Related: 2004:A1913; 2002:A3985
Status: 01/10/2006 – Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee.
Position: Monitor
Notes: 1-22-04 Added per Dave Mordo.

Bill: **A289**
Sponsors: Cohen (D20); Roberts (D5); Bateman (R16) +23
Summary: "Grace's Law;" requires health insurers, State Health Benefits Program and NJ FamilyCare to provide co
Related: 2006:S1524; 2004:A1766; 2002:A3387; 2002:A3488; 2002:S2605
Status: 06/12/2006 – Assembly Appropriations Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
06/12/2006 – Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.
Position: Oppose
Notes: 6-10-06 Oppose per Doug Lubenow on the grounds that it will negatively impact premiums.

Bill: **A291**
Sponsors: Cohen (D20)
Summary: Requires small employer health insurance carriers to offer coverage for treatment of infertility.
Related: 2006:S216; 2004:A1914; 2004:S2105
Status: 01/10/2006 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
Position: Oppose
Notes: 9-9-04 Legislative Committee has made this a priority, position paper to be drafted.

Bill: **A294**
Sponsors: Cohen (D20); Manzo (D31); Gordon (D38)
Summary: Requires managed care carriers to provide certain health care providers with fee schedules.
Related: 2006:S529; 2004:A2116; 2004:S1314; 2002:A2926; 2002:S317; 2000:A3952; 2000:S1735
Status: 01/10/2006 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
Position: Monitor

Bill: **A310**
Sponsors: Cohen (D20)
Summary: Prohibits participating providers under managed care plans from charging certain fees; establishes p
Related: 2006:S1373; 2004:A3439; 2004:S1171; 2002:S2687
Status: 01/10/2006 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
Position: Support
Notes: 2-28-05 Support per Jack Kalosy.

Bill: **A318**
Sponsors: Cohen (D20); Gordon (D38) +3
Summary: Requires certain disclosures from carriers; establishes new health care claims payment and appeals procedure
Related: 2004:A4335; 2004:S2816
Status: 01/10/2006 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
Position: Monitor
Notes: 9-30-05 Monitor per Doug Lubenow pending further review.
10-6-05 Monitor per Legislative Management Team.

Bill: **A472**
Sponsors: Green (D22); Cryan (D20) +14
Summary: Requires health care facilities to report certain information about their health care staff to their respective state boards of health
Related: 2006:S55; 2004:A1834; 2004:S649; 2002:A4054; 2002:S2851
Status: 01/10/2006 – Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee.
Position: Monitor

Bill: **A649**
Sponsors: Connors, C. (R9); Rumpf (R9)
Summary: Requires health insurers to cover Lyme disease.
Related: 2004:A912; 2004:S1308; 2002:A984; 2002:A1328; 2000:A690; 2000:A994; 2000:S626; 1998:A392; 1992:A2553; 1992:S1297
Status: 01/10/2006 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
Position: Oppose
Notes: 3-17-04 Oppose per Dave Mordo on the grounds that it allows coverage for "experimental" treatment which is not covered by the state.

Bill: **A724**
Sponsors: Russo (R40); Cohen (D20) +1
Summary: Extends certain federal income tax advantages of individual health savings accounts to individual taxpayers
Related: 2006:S1944; 2004:A3583; 2004:S2774
Status: 01/10/2006 – Assembly Appropriations Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.
Position: Support
Notes: 12-15-04 Support per Jack Kalosy. Position paper prepared by J. Kalosy on file.

Bill: **A752**
Sponsors: Gordon (D38); Manzo (D31); Cohen (D20)
Summary: Establishes "New Jersey Health Care Access Study Commission."
Related: 2004:A1986; 2004:S1908
Status: 01/26/2006 – Withdrawn from the files
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee.
01/26/2006 – Withdrawn from the files.
Position: Oppose
Notes: 2-16-04 Oppose per Dave Mordo

Bill: **A780**
Sponsors: Caraballo (D29); Vas (D19); Cruz-Perez (D5) +2
Summary: Clarifies that advertisements by persons licensed to practice medicine and surgery are subject to the
Related: 2006:S86; 2004:A2088; 2004:S1972
Status: 01/10/2006 – Assembly Consumer Affairs
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Consumer Affairs.
Position: Oppose

Bill: **A932**
Sponsors: Gusciora (D15); Van Drew (D1); Albano (D1); Gordon (D38); Greenstein (D14) +4
Summary: Directs Commissioner of DHS to prepare annual Access to Employer-Based Health Insurance for NJ
Related: 2006:S539; 2004:A4131; 2004:S2820
Status: 06/22/2006 – Substituted by another bill
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee.
02/23/2006 – Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.
06/22/2006 – Substituted by S-539 (1R).
Position: Monitor
Notes: 9-30-05 Monitor per Doug Lubenow pending further review.

Bill: **A971**
Sponsors: Stender (D22); Voss (D38)
Summary: Requires health insurers to provide health benefits coverage for treatment of pathological gambling
Related: 2004:A637; 2002:A3371
Status: 04/28/2006 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
04/28/2006 – Pension and Health Benefits Review Commission reviewed and recommended to no
Position: Oppose

Bill: **A1003**
Sponsors: Prieto (D32); Cohen (D20); Rumpf (R9); Connors, C. (R9); Scalera (D36) +2
Summary: Requires that chiropractic physicians, podiatric physicians, allopathic physicians, and osteopathic physicians provide various health and accident plans.
Related: 2006:S57; 2004:A947; 2004:S1690; 2002:A1019; 2002:S2815; 2000:A1883; 1998:A411; 1996:A2955
Status: 02/23/2006 – Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
02/23/2006 – Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee.
Position: Oppose

Bill: **A1011**
Sponsors: Prieto (D32); Stack (D33); Cohen (D20); Panter (D12) +9
Summary: Requires health benefits coverage for orthotic and prosthetic appliances and provides reimbursement for such services.
Related: 2006:S502; 2004:A2774; 2004:S2752
Status: 06/12/2006 – 2nd reading in the Assembly
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
06/12/2006 – Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.
Position: Oppose
Notes: 9-30-05 Monitor per Doug Lubenow pending further review.
10-6-05 Oppose per Legislative Management Team (mandate).

Bill: **A1143**
Sponsors: Dancer (R30); Malone (R30)
Summary: Requires health insurers to provide coverage for hearing aids.
Related: 2006:S413; 2004:A2220; 2004:S218; 2002:A2276; 2002:S864
Status: 01/10/2006 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
Position: Monitor
Notes: 2-16-04 Support per Dave Mordo
2-19-04 Change to monitor per Jack Kalosy

Bill: **A1171**
Sponsors: Corodemus (R11)
Summary: Defines routine foot care services under an insurance policy.
Related: 2004:A1106; 2004:S692; 2002:A1371; 2002:S2715; 2000:A1941; 2000:S787
Status: 01/10/2006 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
Position: Monitor

Bill: **A1191**
Sponsors: Diegnan (D18); Vas (D19); Manzo (D31) +1
Summary: Requires insurance coverage for magnetic resonance imaging for women at high risk for breast cancer
Related: 2004:A2168; 2002:A4051
Status: 01/10/2006 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
Position: Support
Notes: 2-16-04 Change position from monitor to support per Dave Mordo

Bill: **A1208**
Sponsors: Diegnan (D18); Chivukula (D17) +2
Summary: Requires health insurance carriers to use standard explanation of benefits form.
Related: 2004:A3719
Status: 01/10/2006 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
Position: Support
Notes: 1-23-05 Support per Dave Mordo.

Bill: **A1282**
Sponsors: Manzo (D31)
Summary: Allows the deduction of the costs of providing employee health benefits in calculating the corporation's taxable income.
Related: 2006:S893; 2004:A3967; 2004:S2793
Status: 01/10/2006 – Assembly Commerce and Economic Development
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Commerce and Economic Development.
Position: Support
Notes: 5-18-05 Support per Jack Kalosy.

Bill: **A1285**
Sponsors: Manzo (D31)
Summary: Establishes "Regional Network Health Benefits Plan Pilot Program."
Related: 2004:A4042
Status: 01/10/2006 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
Position: Oppose
Notes: 5-18-05 Oppose per Jack Kalosy.

Bill: **A1367**
Sponsors: Quigley (D32); Van Drew (D1); Prieto (D32) +2
Summary: Provides gross income tax deduction for health care plan costs.
Related: 2004:A1181; 2004:S2165; 2002:A1118; 2000:A599; 1998:A1041; 1996:A355; 1994:A3165
Status: 01/10/2006 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
Position: Support
Notes: 1-7-05 Support per Jack Kalosy.

Bill: **A1397**
Sponsors: Quigley (D32); Manzo (D31) +4
Summary: Provides in-network benefits to patient with disability for services provided by out-of-network provider
Related: 2006:S674; 2004:A336; 2002:A2759; 2002:S1919
Status: 01/10/2006 – Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee.
Position: Support

Bill: **A1509**
Sponsors: Oliver (D34)
Summary: Revises operations of Individual Health Coverage and Small Employer Health Benefits program
Related: 2004:A162; 2002:A1392; 2000:A1606; 2000:S728; 1998:A3569; 1998:S2216
Status: 01/10/2006 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee

Bill: **A1534**
Sponsors: Oliver (D34) +2
Summary: Prohibits hospital from denying admission or services to patient based on patient's HMO coverage, and r
Related: 2004:A1883; 2002:A1715; 2002:S537; 2000:A131; 2000:S750; 1998:A3429
Status: 01/10/2006 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
Position: Monitor

Bill: **A1615**
Sponsors: Conaway (D7) +1
Summary: Requires health insurers to cover costs of tobacco use cessation services.
Related: 2004:A1520; 2002:A3855
Status: 01/10/2006 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
Position: Oppose
Notes: 2-16-04 Oppose per Dave Mordo

Bill: **A1617**
Sponsors: Conaway (D7); Van Drew (D1)
Summary: Prevents managed care plan from denying coverage for certain health care services provided to covered provider who performed services.
Related: 2004:A1522; 2002:A3913
Status: 01/10/2006 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
Position: Monitor
Comments: 12-14-03 Added as monitor per Dave Mordo.

Bill: **A1626**
Sponsors: Conaway (D7); Cohen (D20); Bateman (R16)
Summary: Defers expiration date of law permitting physicians and dentists to engage in joint negotiations with
Related: 2004:A3722
Status: 03/13/2006 – 2nd reading in the Assembly
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
03/13/2006 – Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.
Position: Oppose
Notes: 1-23-05 Oppose per Dave Mordo.

Bill: **A1628**
Sponsors: Conaway (D7)
Summary: Requires SHBP to cover prostate cancer screening.
Related: 2004:A4028
Status: 03/03/2006 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
03/03/2006 – Pension and Health Benefits Review Commission reviewed and recommended to
Position: Support
Notes: 5-18-05 Support per Jack Kalosy.

Bill: **A1629**
Sponsors: Conaway (D7)
Summary: Extends charity care payments to physicians providing hospital-based charity care.
Related: 2004:A4111
Status: 01/10/2006 – Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee.
Position: Monitor
Notes: 5-18-05 Monitor per Jack Kalosy.

Bill: **A1631**
Sponsors: Conaway (D7); Chivukula (D17); Cohen (D20)
Summary: Deletes prior authorization requirements by certain insurers for accessing certain health care services
Related: 2004:A4179
Status: 05/18/2006 – 2nd reading in the Assembly
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
05/18/2006 – Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Assembly.
Position: Monitor
Notes: 6-15-05 Monitor pending review.

Bill: **A1640 Acs (ACS)**
Sponsors: Conaway (D7); Diegnan (D18); Prieto (D32) +5
Summary: "Long-Term Care Partnership Program Act"; establishes Long-Term Care Partnership Program in D
Related: 2006:S538; 2004:S2819
Status: 05/11/2006 – Assembly Appropriations Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee.
05/11/2006 – Reported out of committee with committee substitute, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee
Position: Support
Notes: 9-30-05 Monitor per Doug Lubenow pending further review.
10-6-05 Support per Legislative Management Team.

Bill: **A1705**
Sponsors: Burzichelli (D3); Fisher (D3); Cohen (D20); Johnson (D37); Greenstein (D14) +10
Summary: Requires responsible business practices by large employers regarding wages and benefits.
Related: 2006:S477; 2004:A4105; 2004:S2550
Status: 01/10/2006 – Assembly Labor Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Labor Committee.
Position: Monitor
Notes: 2-7-06 Monitor per Doug Lubenow.

Bill: **A1904**
Sponsors: Burzichelli (D3); Van Drew (D1); Fisher (D3); Johnson (D37); Cohen (D20); Scalera (D36); Diegnan (D18)
Summary: Establishes New Jersey Rx Program to reduce prescription drug prices.
Related: 2006:S464; 2004:A1593; 2004:S590; 2002:A3873; 2002:S2752
Status: 01/10/2006 – Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee.
Position: Monitor
Comments: 11-28-03 Added as monitor per Dennis Cuccinelli.
12-13-03 Added as monitor per Dave Mordo.

Bill: **A1949**
Sponsors: Wisniewski (D19); Conaway (D7) +1
Summary: Requires health insurers to cover well baby visits during the first two years of life.
Related: 2006:S812; 2004:A2260; 2004:S688; 2002:A374; 2002:S2095; 2000:A1692; 1998:A1939
Status: 01/10/2006 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
Position: Support

Bill: **A1975**
Sponsors: Cryan (D20)
Summary: Requires health insurance coverage for hair headpieces for patients receiving chemotherapy treatment.
Related: 2006:S375; 2004:A2014; 2004:S508; 2002:A637; 2002:S392; 2000:A3280; 2000:S1741
Status: 01/10/2006 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
Position: Oppose
Notes: 2-16-04 Oppose per Dave Mordo

Bill: **A1999**
Sponsors: Cryan (D20); Cohen (D20)
Summary: Repeals certain requirements for certain prescription drug plans.
Related: 2006:S1239; 2004:A3955; 2004:S2427
Status: 01/10/2006 – Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee.
Position: Oppose
Notes: 5-18-05 Oppose per Jack Kalosy.

Bill: **A2044**
Sponsors: Gregg (R24)
Summary: Allows certain self-employed business owners to deduct their own pension plan contributions from gross income.
Related: 2004:A237; 2002:A1593; 2002:S367; 2000:A3395; 2000:S1666; 2000:S1823
Status: 01/17/2006 – Assembly Commerce and Economic Development
History: 01/17/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Commerce and Economic Development.
Position: Monitor
Notes: 2-16-04 Monitor per Dave Mordo

Bill: **A2056**
Sponsors: Cohen (D20); Van Drew (D1); Bateman (R16); Gordon (D38)
Summary: The "Health Insurance Affordability and Accessibility Reform Act."
Related: 2006:S503; 2004:A3359; 2004:S2773
Status: 01/26/2006 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 01/26/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
Position: Support
Notes: Conditionally support. Would like to revise language allowing employees to opt out in favor of individual participation to purchase group plans.

Bill: **A2062**
Sponsors: Gusciora (D15); Cohen (D20)
Summary: Requires health insurers to cover Hepatitis B vaccination costs.
Related: 2006:S1457; 2004:A2162; 2004:S686; 2002:A300; 2002:S498; 2000:A3530; 2000:S2413
Status: 01/26/2006 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 01/26/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
Position: Oppose
Notes: 2-16-04 Oppose per Dave Mordo

Bill: **A2233**
Sponsors: Conaway (D7)
Summary: Deems utilization management decisions on behalf of certain insurers to be practice of health care
Related: 2004:A4182
Status: 01/30/2006 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 01/30/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
Position: Monitor
Notes: 6-15-05 Monitor pending review.

Bill: **A2463**
Sponsors: Gordon (D38); Conaway (D7); Manzo (D31) +15
Summary: Establishes voluntary Statewide physician joint purchasing alliance.
Related: 2006:S675; 2004:A340; 2002:A3157; 2002:S2266
Status: 02/06/2006 – Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee
History: 02/06/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee.
Position: Monitor
Notes: 11-10-04 Change from oppose to monitor per Jack Kalosy.

Bill: **A2512**
Sponsors: Gordon (D38); Johnson (D37); Manzo (D31); Burzichelli (D3); Biondi (R16); Greenstein (D14) +13
Summary: Revises statutory mental health coverage requirements and requires all health insurers and SHBP to cover t same terms and conditions as for other diseases or illnesses.
Related: 2006:S807; 2004:A333; 2004:S544; 2002:A2379; 2002:A2487; 2002:S1520; 2002:S1633
Status: 06/19/2006 – Assembly Appropriations Committee
History: 02/09/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee.
06/19/2006 – Reported out of committee, referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee.
Position: Oppose
Notes: 5-3-05 Monitor per Dave Mordo.
6-19-06 Oppose per Doug Lubenow based on the grounds that it will increase premiums.

Bill: **A2513**
Sponsors: Cohen (D20); Quigley (D32)
Summary: "Expanding Access to Health Care Act"; requires certain large employers to either provide specified level
Related: 2006:S1320
Status: 02/09/2006 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 02/09/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
Position: Monitor
Notes: 2-7-06 Monitor per Doug Lubenow.

Bill: **A2714**
Sponsors: Van Drew (D1); Manzo (D31)
Summary: Prohibits insurer offering managed care plan from denying participation in its network to a health care
Related: 2004:A1954; 2002:A3878
Status: 06/12/2006 – Combined with another bill
History: 02/27/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
06/12/2006 – Combined with A-1616/A-1903 (ACS).
Position: Monitor
Comments: 12-14-03 Added as monitor per Dave Mordo.

Bill: **A2823 Aca (1R)**
Sponsors: Whelan (D2); Greenwald (D6); Albano (D1); Van Drew (D1); Johnson (D37) +25
Summary: "Independence, Dignity and Choice in Long-Term Care Act"; reallocates State long-term care exp
Related: 2006:S1642
Status: 06/21/2006 – Bill or Resolution Signed by the Governor
History: 03/09/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee.
05/11/2006 – Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.
06/08/2006 – Passed in Assembly 79-0-0. Received in Senate w/o committee reference, 2nd reading
06/19/2006 – Substituted for S-1642 (1R). Passed in Senate and sent to Governor 38-0.
06/21/2006 – Signed by the Governor P.L.2006, c.23.
Position: Support
Notes: 6-5-06 Support per Doug Lubenow.

Bill: **A3040**
Sponsors: Cohen (D20)
Summary: Establishes the "Interstate Insurance Product Regulation Compact."
Related: 2006:S949; 2004:A2912; 2004:S1631
Status: 05/15/2006 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 05/15/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
Position: Support
Notes: 5-22-06 Support per Dave Mordo pending further review.

Bill: **A3239 Aca (1R)**
Sponsors: Conaway (D7); Gordon (D38); Greenstein (D14); Munoz (R21)
Summary: Permits person covered by managed care plan to receive covered services from in-network provider without prior authorization.
Status: 06/12/2006 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 06/08/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee.
06/12/2006 – Reported out of committee with committee amendments, referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
Position: Oppose
Notes: 6-9-06 Oppose per Doug Lubenow and Dave Mordo on the grounds that "open access" plans already exist in the form of PPO's or the like at higher costs.

Bill: **A3366**
Sponsors: Cohen (D20)
Summary: Creates "New Jersey Catastrophic Health Care Claims Reinsurance Program."
Related: 2004:A4264
Status: 06/26/2006 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 06/26/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.
Position: Monitor
Notes: 7-5-05 Oppose per Dave Mordo and Jack Kalosy.
10-6-05 Change to Monitor per Legislative Management Team pending further review. Seek to add NJ

Bill: **A3431**
Sponsors: Cohen (D20)
Summary: Establishes maximum premium rate for certain dependent health benefits coverage at 45% of single rate.
Status: 07/04/2006 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 07/04/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
Position: Oppose
Notes: 7-4-06 Oppose per Legislative Team.

Bill: **A4716 Aca (1R)**
Sponsors: Pou (D35); Watson Coleman (D15) +1
Summary: Increases annual assessment on net written premiums of HMOs to support charity care from 1% to 2%.
Related: 2006:A4730; 2006:S2000
Status: 07/08/2006 – Bill or Resolution Signed by the Governor
History: 07/05/2006 – Introduced and referred to Assembly Budget Committee.
07/07/2006 – Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Assembly.
07/08/2006 – Emergency resolution 79-0-0 (Watson Coleman). Passed in Assembly 47-32-0. Received in S
resolution 40-0 (Kenny). Substituted for S-2000. Passed in Senate and sent to Governor 22-17. Signed by th
Position: Oppose
Notes: 7-7-06 Oppose per LMT.

Bill: **A4730**
Sponsors: Roberts (D5)
Summary: Increases annual assessment on net written premiums of HMOs to support charity care from 1% t
Related: 2006:A4716; 2006:S2000
Status: 07/05/2006 – 2nd reading in the Assembly
History: 07/05/2006 – Introduced, 1st reading w/o committee reference, 2nd reading in Assembly.
Position: Oppose
Notes: 7-7-06 Oppose per LMT.

Bill: **S55**
Sponsors: Kavanaugh (R16)
Summary: Requires health care facilities to report certain information about their health care staff to their respect
Related: 2006:A472; 2004:A1834; 2004:S649; 2002:A4054; 2002:S2851
Status: 01/10/2006 – Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Commit
Position: Monitor

Bill: **S57**
Sponsors: Kavanaugh (R16) +1
Summary: Requires that chiropractic physicians, podiatric physicians, allopathic physicians, osteopathic physicians, o
for the same service.
Related: 2006:A1003; 2004:A947; 2004:S1690; 2002:A1019; 2002:S2815; 2000:A1883; 1998:A411; 1996:A2955
Status: 01/10/2006 – Senate Commerce Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
Position: Oppose

Bill: **S86**
Sponsors: Scutari (D22)
Summary: Clarifies that advertisements by licensed professionals are subject to the Consumer Fraud Act.
Related: 2006:A780; 2004:A2088; 2004:S1972
Status: 01/10/2006 – Senate Commerce Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
Position: Oppose

Bill: **S216**
Sponsors: Karcher (D12)
Summary: Requires small employer health insurance carriers to offer coverage for treatment of infertility.
Related: 2006:A291; 2004:A1914; 2004:S2105
Status: 01/10/2006 – Senate Commerce Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
Position: Oppose
Notes: 1-25-05 Oppose per Dave Mordo.

Bill: **S375**
Sponsors: Sacco (D32); Karcher (D12) +4
Summary: Requires health insurance coverage for hair headpieces for patients receiving chemotherapy treatment.
Related: 2006:A1975; 2004:A2014; 2004:S508; 2002:A637; 2002:S392; 2000:A3280; 2000:S1741
Status: 01/10/2006 – Senate Commerce Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
Position: Oppose
Notes: 2-16-04 Oppose per Dave Mordo

Bill: **S413**
Sponsors: Singer (R30); Vitale (D19) +3
Summary: Requires health insurers to provide coverage for hearing aids.
Related: 2006:A1143; 2004:A2220; 2004:S218; 2002:A2276; 2002:S864
Status: 01/10/2006 – Senate Commerce Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
Position: Support
Notes: 2-16-04 Support per Dave Mordo

Bill: **S422**
Sponsors: Singer (R30)
Summary: Concerns rating systems for individual and small employer health benefits plans.
Related: 2004:S1572
Status: 01/10/2006 – Senate Commerce Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
Position: Support
Notes: 5-11-04 Support per Jack Kalosy.
9-9-04 Legislative Committee has made this a priority, position paper to be drafted.

Bill: **S477 Scs (SCS)**
Sponsors: Sweeney (D3); Vitale (D19); Coniglio (D38); Buono (D18) +4
Summary: The "Responsible Employer Act."
Related: 2006:A1705; 2004:A4105; 2004:S2550
Status: 05/11/2006 – Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Senate Labor Committee.
05/11/2006 – Reported out of committee with committee substitute, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to
Position: Monitor
Notes: 2-7-06 Monitor per Doug Lubenow.

Bill: **S502**
Sponsors: Gill (D34)
Summary: Requires health benefits coverage for orthotic and prosthetic appliances and provides reimbursement
Related: 2006:A1011; 2004:A2774; 2004:S2752
Status: 01/10/2006 – Senate Commerce Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
Position: Oppose
Notes: 9-30-05 Monitor per Doug Lubenow pending further review.
10-6-05 Oppose per Legislative Management Team (mandate).

Bill: **S503**
Sponsors: Gill (D34); Adler (D6) +2
Summary: The "Health Insurance Affordability and Accessibility Reform Act."
Related: 2006:A2056; 2004:A3359; 2004:S2773
Status: 01/10/2006 – Senate Commerce Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
Position: Support
Notes: 9-30-05 Conditionally support per our position on the Assembly version. Would like to revise language allow
will hinder employers making the 75% participation to purchase group plans.

Bill: **S529**
Sponsors: Buono (D18) +1
Summary: Requires managed care carriers to provide certain health care providers with fee schedules.
Related: 2006:A294; 2004:A2116; 2004:S1314; 2002:A2926; 2002:S317; 2000:A3952; 2000:S1735
Status: 02/27/2006 – Withdrawn from the files
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
02/27/2006 – Withdrawn from the files.
Position: Monitor

Bill: **S538**
Sponsors: Buono (D18); Vitale (D19) +1
Summary: "Long-Term Care Partnership Program Act"; establishes Long-Term Care Partnership Program in
Related: 2006:A1640; 2004:S2819
Status: 01/10/2006 – Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Com
Position: Support
Notes: 9-30-05 Monitor per Doug Lubenow pending further review.
10-6-05 Support per Legislative Management Team.

Bill: **S539 ScaAa (2R)**
Sponsors: Buono (D18); Coniglio (D38); Gusciora (D15); Van Drew (D1); Albano (D1); Gordon (D38); Greenstein
Summary: Directs Commissioners of DHS and DHSS to prepare annual report on Access to Employer-Based Health
programs.
Related: 2006:A932; 2004:A4131; 2004:S2820
Status: 08/21/2006 – Bill or Resolution Signed by the Governor
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
02/06/2006 – Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.
02/27/2006 – Passed in Senate 36-0. Received in Assembly w/o committee reference, 2nd reading in Asse
06/22/2006 – Substituted for A-932. Amended on Assembly floor, 2nd reading in Assembly (Van Drew).
07/08/2006 – Passed in Assembly 61-18-0. Received in Senate, 2nd reading in Senate to concur with Asse
08/21/2006 – Signed by the Governor P.L.2006, c.87.
Position: Monitor
Notes: 9-30-05 Monitor per Doug Lubenow pending further review.

Bill: **S540**
Sponsors: Buono (D18); Coniglio (D38) +1
Summary: Increases minimum loss ratio for individual and small employer-health benefits plans from 75%
Related: 2004:S2821
Status: 01/10/2006 – Senate Commerce Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
Position: Oppose
Notes: 9-30-05 Monitor per Doug Lubenow pending further review.
10-6-05 Oppose per Legislative Management Team.

Bill: **S593**
Sponsors: Kyrillos (R13)
Summary: Establishes limits for certain damages in medical malpractice actions.
Related: 2004:S2762
Status: 01/10/2006 – Senate Commerce Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
Position: Monitor
Notes: 9-30-05 Monitor per Doug Lubenow pending further review.

Bill: **S627**
Sponsors: Girgenti (D35); Bucco (R25) +1
Summary: Requires health insurers, Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare to provide coverage for comprehensive program
Related: 2004:A1574; 2004:S528; 2002:A3146; 2002:S2200
Status: 01/10/2006 – Senate Commerce Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
Position: Monitor

Bill: **S668**
Sponsors: Kean, T. (R21); Scutari (D22) +1
Summary: Provides that advertisements by persons licensed, registered, appointed or certified to practice profession
Related: 2004:S1259
Status: 01/10/2006 – Senate Commerce Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
Position: Monitor

Bill: **S674**
Sponsors: Weinberg (D37)
Summary: Provides in-network benefits to patient with disability for services provided by out-of-network provider
Related: 2006:A1397; 2004:A336; 2002:A2759; 2002:S1919
Status: 01/10/2006 – Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
Position: Support

Bill: **S675**
Sponsors: Weinberg (D37)
Summary: Establishes voluntary Statewide physician joint purchasing alliance.
Related: 2006:A2463; 2004:A340; 2002:A3157; 2002:S2266
Status: 01/10/2006 – Senate Commerce Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
Position: Monitor
Notes: 11-10-04 Change from oppose to monitor per Jack Kalosy.

Bill: **S683**
Sponsors: Weinberg (D37)
Summary: Establishes voluntary Statewide joint purchasing alliance for persons covered by individual health
Related: 2004:A2006; 2002:A3621
Status: 01/10/2006 – Senate Commerce Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
Position: Oppose
Notes: Oppose per Jack Kalosy on 6-10-03

Bill: **S686**
Sponsors: Weinberg (D37)
Summary: Requires binding arbitration in contract disputes between hospitals and health insurance carriers.
Related: 2004:A2816
Status: 01/10/2006 – Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Com
Position: Monitor

Bill: **S807**
Sponsors: Vitale (D19); Buono (D18) +3
Summary: Revises statutory mental health coverage requirements and requires all health insurers and SHBP to cover t
same terms and conditions as for other diseases or illnesses.
Related: 2006:A2512; 2004:A333; 2004:S544; 2002:A2379; 2002:A2487; 2002:S1520; 2002:S1633
Status: 01/26/2006 – Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
01/26/2006 – Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate. Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriat
Position: Oppose
Notes: 5-3-05 Monitor per Dave Mordo.
6-19-06 Oppose per Doug Lubenow based on the grounds that it will increase premiums.

Bill: **S812**
Sponsors: Vitale (D19)
Summary: Requires health insurers to cover well baby visits during the first two years of life.
Related: 2006:A1949; 2004:A2260; 2004:S688; 2002:A374; 2002:S2095; 2000:A1692; 1998:A1939
Status: 01/10/2006 – Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
History: 01/10/2006 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
Position: Support

Bill: **S893**
Sponsors: Bucco (R25)
Summary: Allows the deduction of the costs of providing employee health benefits in calculating the corporation's taxable income.
Related: 2006:A1282; 2004:A3967; 2004:S2793
Status: 01/17/2006 – Senate Commerce Committee
History: 01/17/2006 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
Position: Support
Notes: 9-28-05 Support per position on Assembly Version.

Bill: **S923**
Sponsors: Bucco (R25)
Summary: Requires health insurers to provide coverage for prosthetic appliances obtained from any licensed provider.
Related: 2004:S1202; 2002:S262; 2000:S1692
Status: 01/17/2006 – Senate Commerce Committee
History: 01/17/2006 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
Position: Monitor
Notes: 3-2-04 Monitor per Jack Kalosy

Bill: **S949**
Sponsors: Gill (D34)
Summary: Establishes the "Interstate Insurance Product Regulation Compact."
Related: 2006:A3040; 2004:A2912; 2004:S1631
Status: 06/19/2006 – Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee
History: 01/17/2006 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
03/06/2006 – Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate.
06/19/2006 – Passed in Senate 38-0. Received in Assembly and referred to Assembly Financial Institutions Committee.
Position: Support
Notes: 5-22-06 Support per Dave Mordo pending further review.

Bill: **S1055**
Sponsors: Buono (D18)
Summary: Revises health wellness insurance benefits.
Related: 2006:A151; 2004:A296; 2004:S1300; 2002:A2412; 2002:S1746
Status: 01/26/2006 – Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
History: 01/26/2006 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Comm
Position: Monitor
Notes: 3-17-04 Oppose per Jack Kalosy on the grounds that it increases benefits and removes the maximum
9-9-04 Legislative Committee has made this a priority, position paper to be drafted.
6-19-06 Change position to Monitor per Doug Lubenow pending further review.

Bill: **S1222**
Sponsors: Inverso (R14)
Summary: Requires coverage for certain nonprescription formulas under certain health benefits plans, includ
Related: 2004:S107; 2002:A2351; 2002:S1499
Status: 01/30/2006 – Senate Commerce Committee
History: 01/30/2006 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
Position: Oppose
Notes: 11-12-04 Oppose per Dave Mordo.

Bill: **S1239**
Sponsors: Doria (D31)
Summary: Repeals certain requirements for certain prescription drug plans.
Related: 2006:A1999; 2004:A3955; 2004:S2427
Status: 01/30/2006 – Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
History: 01/30/2006 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Com
Position: Oppose
Notes: 5-18-05 Oppose per Jack Kalosy.

Bill: **S1320**
Sponsors: Vitale (D19); Buono (D18)
Summary: "Expanding Access to Health Care Act"; requires certain large employers to either provide specified leve
Related: 2006:A2513
Status: 05/11/2006 – Combined with another bill
History: 02/06/2006 – Introduced and referred to Senate Labor Committee.
05/11/2006 – Combined with S-477 (SCS).
Position: Monitor
Notes: 2-7-06 Monitor per Doug Lubenow.

Bill: **S1373**
Sponsors: Rice (D28)
Summary: Prohibits participating providers under managed care plans from charging certain fees; establishes
Related: 2006:A310; 2004:A3439; 2004:S1171; 2002:S2687
Status: 02/09/2006 – Senate Commerce Committee
History: 02/09/2006 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
Position: Support
Notes: 2-28-05 Support per Jack Kalosy.

Bill: **S1457**
Sponsors: Vitale (D19)
Summary: Requires health insurers to cover Hepatitis B vaccination costs.
Related: 2006:A2062; 2004:A2162; 2004:S686; 2002:A300; 2002:S498; 2000:A3530; 2000:S2413
Status: 02/27/2006 – Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
History: 02/27/2006 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Com
Position: Oppose
Notes: 2-16-04 Oppose per Dave Mordo

Bill: **S1640**
Sponsors: Turner (D15)
Summary: Prohibits HMO from imposing certain restrictions regarding provision of health care services to enr
Related: 2004:A2675; 2004:S882; 2002:A909; 2002:S962; 2000:A288; 2000:S899; 1998:A326; 1998:S734;
Status: 03/13/2006 – Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
History: 03/13/2006 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Comm
Position: Monitor

Bill: **S1642 Sca (1R)**
Sponsors: Weinberg (D37); Asselta (R1) +7
Summary: "Independence, Dignity and Choice in Long-Term Care Act"; reallocates State long-term care exp
Related: 2006:A2823
Status: 06/19/2006 – Substituted by another bill
History: 03/13/2006 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Com
06/08/2006 – Reported out of committee with committee amendments, 2nd reading in Senate.
06/19/2006 – Substituted by A-2823 (1R).
Position: Support
Notes: 6-5-06 Support per Doug Lubenow.

Bill: **S1944**
Sponsors: Kean, T. (R21)
Summary: Extends certain federal income tax advantages of individual health savings accounts to individual taxpayers.
Related: 2006:A724; 2004:A3583; 2004:S2774
Status: 06/08/2006 – Senate Commerce Committee
History: 06/08/2006 – Introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee.
Position: Support
Notes: 9-30-05 Support per our position on the Assembly version.

Bill: **S2000**
Sponsors: Kenny (D33)
Summary: Increases annual assessment on net written premiums of HMOs to support charity care from 1% to 2%.
Related: 2006:A4716; 2006:A4730
Status: 07/08/2006 – Substituted by another bill
History: 07/07/2006 – Introduced and referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.
07/08/2006 – Reported out of committee, 2nd reading in Senate. Substituted by A-4716 (1R).
Position: Oppose
Notes: 7-7-06 Oppose per LMT.

Bill: **S2048**
Sponsors: Adler (D6)
Summary: Revises duties and function of Mandated Health Benefits Advisory Commission.
Status: 06/19/2006 – Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee
History: 06/19/2006 – Introduced and referred to Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.
Position: Support
Notes: 6-20-06 Support per Doug Lubenow pending further review.

Respectfully Submitted,

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